Draft Resolution by the Vice-Chairs of Working Group Two on Emerging Issues (Item 6) and Means of Implementation (item 9)

The United Nations Forum on Forests,

[Pre-PP.1. Recalling the ECOSOC resolution E/2006/49 and its paragraph 32 in which the Forum decided that the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests will be reviewed in 2015 and that on this basis a full range of options will be considered including a legally binding instrument on all types of forests, strengthening the current arrangement, continuation of the current arrangement and other options. – Switzerland]

PP.1. Recalling [further – Switzerland] the multi-year programme of work adopted in 2007 (ECOSOC resolution 2007/42), in which the eleventh session of the Forum is mandated to discuss the overall theme of “Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement” as well as its three themes, and recognizing the need to make necessary preparations to enable the Forum to take an informed decision [on this matter / at the eleventh session of the UNFF – Switzerland];

PP.2. Recalling further the provisions of the resolution of the UNFF9 special session, in which the tenth session of UNFF is mandated to make a decision on financing sustainable forest management, as well as the UNFF9 Ministerial Declaration in which the Ministers committed to take a meaningful decision on forest financing at UNFF10;

[PP.2.alt Recalling further the relevant provisions on means of implementation for SFM from the resolution of the UNFF9 special session as well as the UNFF9 Ministerial Declaration. – EU]
PP.3. *Recalling also* the Rio+20 outcome on “The Future We Want”;
*Note: Use official title: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development throughout* – EU

PP.4. *[Emphasizing the interconnections of] / Taking into consideration the on-going work of – Switzerland* the post 2015 UN development agenda, follow up to the Rio+20 outcome and the overall theme and the themes of the eleventh session of the Forum in 2015;
*Note: Put the post-2015 UN development agenda and Rio+20 outcome in chronological order – G77*
*Note: Consistency with WG1 paras – EU*
*Note: WG2 language should be used by WG1 on this matter – G77*

[PP.5. *Recognizing the need for broader measures of progress to complement GDP in order to better inform policy decisions. -EU]*

[PP.6. *Noting that the MDG Indicator 7.1, proportion of land area covered by forests, has continued to evolve negatively on a global scale - EU]*

*Interconnections of the post-2015 UN development agenda, Rio+20 outcome and the future international arrangement on forests / The review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests and the Rio+20 outcome – Switzerland]*

*Note: Have paras ordered by theme (post-2015 development agenda, IAF)– US*
*Note: add titles (review of IAF, post-2015 DA) – Switzerland, EU*

1. *Reiterates the vital role and significant contribution of all types of forests and trees outside forests for achieving [sustainable development and in addressing the complex and interconnected global challenges related to economic and social development, poverty*
eradication, environmental sustainability, food security and agriculture, energy, water, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, combating desertification and land degradation, conservation of biodiversity, watershed protection and disaster risk reduction/ four global objectives on forests and contributing to MDGs – ROK; US, EU retain]

1.bis Recognizes the importance of achieving the four global objectives on forests, and that failure to better conserve and sustainably manage all types of forests may put at risk the achievement of other internationally agreed development goals, inter alia, those related to food security, water, biodiversity, climate change, poverty alleviation, energy and human well-being. (agreed ad ref)

1.ter Requests the Forum Secretariat and invites CPF members to promote the message of the importance of forests in the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015. (agreed ad ref)

2. Encourages Member States to fully integrate forests into the discussions on the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015, taking into account the vital role and significant contributions of the conservation and sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside forests for achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication. (agreed ad ref)

[2.bis Recognizes that forests and SFM can make a significant contribution to the transition to a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication that goes beyond
the traditional cash value of forest-based industries. – EU; G77 delete para]

Note: all values of forests should be considered – Turkey

[2.ter Encourages the Open Working Group on SDGs to elaborate on the goals and targets with regards to forests, in particular on afforestation and reforestation, given the significant contributions of forests to social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. – Turkey]

New paragraphs of informal contact group 17/04/13 to be proposed in place of paragraphs 3 to 8 of the original draft resolution for working group 2. (Contact Group text will be marked with CG.)

CG1. Decides, pursuant to ECOSOC decision 2006/49, that the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests will be reviewed in 2015, and that on this basis a full range of options will be considered, including a legally binding instrument on all types of forests, strengthening the current arrangement, continuations of the current arrangement and other options. The review shall further include the following elements:

a) Past performance of the UNFF and supporting structures such as past AHEGs, CLIs, as well as future options for the UNFF.

b) Review of the NLBI and other options referenced in the aforementioned ECOSOC resolutions, including progress towards achieving the four GOFs. This should include a review of the relationship of the NLBI with forest related international conventions.

c) Review of the UNFF Secretariat and how it functions.
d) Review of both the collective CPF body and the contribution and activities by individual CPF members.


f) Review of the relationship of the UNFF with the UN body, in the context of the Rio + 20 outcome and the UN Development Agenda beyond 2015.

CG2. *Further decides* that this review shall include 3 components whose mandates are referenced in the annex:

a) Submissions by countries, the CPF and member organizations of the CPF and other relevant organizations, relevant regional and sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders;

b) An independent expert assessment of the IAF;

c) Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group.

CG3. *Also decides* that the review shall take into account relevant UNFF Resolutions and the MYPOW. The review needs to be forward looking and informative, using evidence based analysis of the strengths and shortcomings of working modalities, and outcomes of the IAF at global, regional, and national levels in its member states, with a view to inform decisions at UNFF11.

CG4. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group to undertake a review on the performance and effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) within the context of ECOSOC Resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, the
attainment of the MYPOW, and to agree on a set of recommendations providing a strategic direction on function and institutional arrangement of the IAF for the period beyond 2015.

CG5. It is furthermore recommended that countries nominate experts with the required institutional knowledge on the UNFF and related processes to attend the AHEG.

9. *Calls upon* international and bilateral donors and other countries in a position to do so to provide financial support to the Forum Trust Fund in order to support the participation of developing countries, with priority for SIDS, Africa and LDCs, as well as countries with economies in transition, in the [open-ended intergovernmental –EU, US delete; G77 retain] ad hoc expert group and to enable the Forum’s Secretariat to carry out the [relevant –US, Switzerland delete; G77 retain] intersessional activities [requested by the Forum in its tenth session [or otherwise within the Secretariat’s mandate –US] –US, Japan / in accordance with UN rules –G77] in preparation for the meetings of the ad hoc expert group and the eleventh session [in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, and in this regard requests the Secretariat, when using the resources of the Trust Fund, to prioritise the coverage of economy class air tickets, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses, and to report on the use of the Trust Fund at its eleventh session –EU, US; G77 revert / in accordance with paragraph 40 of the UNFF9 Decision, and to report on the use of the Trust Fund at its eleventh session –US].

Note: G77 retain original language

Note: G77 to retain “open-ended intergovernmental” throughout the document

[9.bis *Requests* the Secretariat to report [prior to each session of the UNFF – Canada, EU] on the use of the Trust Fund [as well as]
[provide information on –US, G77] financial contributions made through the holding of CLIs, RLIs [and OLIs /, OLIs and Major Group events –EU] –US, Switzerland, EU, Canada] –G77, EU delete]

[9.ter Invites countries, [organisations and –EU] Major Groups [organisations –EU delete] that organised CLIs, RLIs and OLIs to provide information on their financial contributions to the Secretariat for their inclusion under the Agenda Item on Enhanced Cooperation –Switzerland; G77 revert]

**Means of Implementation**

10. *Acknowledges* with appreciation the significant inputs that were provided as the result of the intersessional work on forest financing, including the 2012 forest finance study of the CPF, the report of the CPF Organisation-Led Initiative on forest finance and the report of the second meeting of the open ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on forest financing, the Facilitative Process, [related CLIs, –Morocco, G77, Japan] as well as the views of Member States at UNFF10 [, and related CLIs on the “Role of Forests in a Green Economy” and “Challenges of Sustainable Forest Management” – Switzerland, EU; G77 delete];

*Note: G77 bracket all references to green economy*

[10.bis *Welcomes* the significant increase in official development assistance for sustainable forest management documented in the 2012 Study on Forest Financing of the CPF and the achievement of the fourth Global Objective on Forests. At the same time, the Forum takes note that, notwithstanding the progress made to date, gaps and barriers to financing for SFM still exist, particularly for certain groups of countries [and certain types of forests – US]. – EU, US, Switzerland, Japan; G77 delete]
Recognizes that the architecture for forest financing has evolved considerably since previous UNFF sessions and that a number of new financing instruments and mechanisms have emerged that address [all /the -US] thematic elements of SFM [to varying degrees – US] – G77 bracket]. Promoting [coherence and synergies/ better coordination – US, Switzerland, G77] across these different programmes and instruments addressing various aspects of Sustainable Forest Management remain the priority. – EU, US, Switzerland, Canada

11. Reiterates further that there is no single solution to address all of the needs in financing forests, and a [step-wise – G77 clarify; NZ retain / portfolio –EU; G77 delete / three-tier approach - Switzerland] approach and combination of actions are required at all levels, by all stakeholders and from all sources [taking into account the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (Note: or para15 from Rio+20 outcome document) –G77; US, Japan, EU, Norway, Switzerland delete] [. Financing for SFM should [be adequate, stable and timely and come from public multilateral and international sources complemented by the private sector – G77; US delete] [continue to come from a range of complementary sources, public and private, domestic and international, bilateral and multilateral and be delivered in line with aid effectiveness principles in support of the objectives set in recipient countries’ poverty reduction strategy papers and other national development plans and sectoral policies – G77 delete; US retain] –EU];

Actions at all levels

12. Invites Member States, the donor community and other relevant stakeholders as appropriate to:
[(a) Create enabling conditions at all levels [in addressing forest-related issues in a holistic, comprehensive and integrated manner centred on sustainable forest management –G77], especially effective institutions, legal frameworks and political engagement, and promote participation of all [relevant –G77] stakeholders [including women, girls, local communities, indigenous peoples, and the private sector to attract forest financing from all sources / in sustainable forest management –G77], [as well as enhance secure land tenure - G77 to reconsider placement] [in accordance with national priorities and strategies of Member States –G77] – EU, US delete para];

[12.a.alt Create enabling conditions to attract and improve access to [and efficient use of –EU] forest financing [from all sources – Switzerland, EU] including through, inter alia, strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, improving transparency in decision-making and in financial transactions, combating corruption, strengthening forest law enforcement and governance, promoting clear and secure land tenure, and facilitating enhanced participation of stakeholders, including women, [girls / young people –Japan, EU], local communities, indigenous peoples and the private sector –US, Switzerland, Japan, EU; G77 delete para]  
Note: Japan ensure consistency with WG1

[12.a.alt2 Create enabling conditions to attract and improve access to [and efficient use of –EU] forest financing [from all sources – Switzerland, EU] including through, inter alia, [Review/ reviewing – EU] and as needed [improve/ improving – EU] forest-related legislation, [strengthen /strengthening –EU] forest law enforcement, [promote/ promoting –EU] good governance at all levels in order to support sustainable forest management, to create an enabling environment for forest [investment/ financing – Japan] and to combat and eradicate
illegal practices, [as well as to promote secure land tenure and participatory decision-making and benefit-sharing, -US, EU] in accordance with national legislation [, policies and priorities – US, EU] in the forest and other related sectors. *(Note: para6.n. in V. National Policies and Measures, NLBI) – G77, Japan)*

Note: consider recently agreed language on governance from Rio+20, G77

(b) Provide enhanced resources to address thematic, geographic and data gaps in forest financing, and increase financing for the implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests; (agreed ad ref)

[(c) Strengthen North-South [, South-South – G77 delete] and triangular cooperation in the areas of finance, trade *[in forest-related products – G77]*, transfer of environmentally sound technologies *[on mutually agreed terms and conditions – US, EU]*, capacity-building [and governance –G77 delete], and improve access to *[and efficiency of –EU]* finance for *[forests / sustainable forest management, and further encourage South-South cooperation to complement the above. – G77]* –Switzerland delete para; EU retain]

*Note: Questions about inclusion of trade in this para US*
*Note: G77 questions use of mutually agreed terms within UNFF context*
*Note: Switzerland reserves*
*Note: US, G77 happy with balanced language from UNFF9 ministerial declaration OP9a*

*[VCCT.12(c) Strengthen cooperation in the areas of finance, trade, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, capacity building and governance, and improve access to and efficiency of finance for sustainable forest management –US, G77; Switzerland, EU delete]*
[(d) [Use / Consider to use different approaches, including –G77] market-based approaches [as appropriate –G77], to develop and promote production and consumption of forest products from sustainably managed forests harvested according to domestic legislation as a way to mobilize additional resources [[and increase tax revenues for national governments / for sustainable forest management –G77] –G77, Saudi Arabia delete; EU, Switzerland, US, Canada retain]. – EU, Canada]

National actions

13. Invites also Member States to:

(a) [Integrate forests in the priority areas of national development plans [, poverty reduction strategies, sectoral policies and programmes –EU, NZ], decision-making processes and investments [and identify the values of forest goods and services in national budgets and accounts by collecting data, developing indicators –EU, NZ] [and using existing criteria and indicator processes –NZ], and [capture / capturing both –EU] [cash and non-cash / all –Turkey] values of forests [through implementing the NLBI and achieving the four global objectives on forests, as well as reporting on progress –Japan] –G77 revert];

Note: Japan consistency in language with WG1 para 1b
Note: US, EU to revert using language from paras 196, 201 of The Future We Want

[13.a.bis Promote the development of [both market and – US] non-market-based approaches to address sustainable forest management in a holistic, comprehensive and integrated manner to guide humanity towards living well in harmony with mother earth – G77]
(b) [Incorporate / Strengthen the mobilisation of finance by incorporating –EU] in national forest programmes or their equivalent, a combination of financing approaches [, including the creation of national forest funds, national investment portfolios, and/or development of national forest financing strategies or equivalent strategies, and identify other opportunities for financing at the national level / according to their own circumstances and capacities –G77; EU retain];

(c) Mobilize financing for all types of forests and trees outside of forests from all sources including from other sectors [such as watershed, rangeland, energy, agriculture [, transport –Switzerland, US] and tourism sectors, - G77 delete] at the national level, by applying a cross-sectoral and [cross- –G77 delete] institutional approach;

Note: deletion of para 13(d) agreed ad ref

[13.d.alt Collect robust data on all aspects of financing sustainable forest management at the national level –Switzerland, US, Turkey; G77 delete]

[13.d.alt2 Encourage member states to further develop national accounting systems, using guidance from the United Nations Statistics Division, for Systems of Environmental Economic Accounting, including its framework for land and ecosystem accounting –EU, US, Turkey; G77 delete]

[(e) Develop a national financing strategy for SFM [as appropriate – US] –Switzerland]
[(f) Harness the potential of the private sector to finance SFM:

(i) Promote the use of public-private partnerships where public financing and investments can mitigate potential risks for private investment and ensure that private capital is used in a socially and environmentally responsible manner;

(ii) Provide a policy environment that encourages private sector investment to create markets that capture non-market values of forest goods and services, including through the use of payment for ecosystem services and other innovative financing mechanisms;

(iii) Assist private sector to identify gaps, obstacles to and opportunities for forest financing to ensure properly targeted investments by the private sector;

(iv) Note the economic importance of informal markets for locally traded forest products and promote enhanced compliance with national legislations; -EU]

Regional actions

14. Calls [upon –Switzerland, NZ] [donors and other relevant stakeholders to support – Switzerland, NZ delete; G77 retain] [and strengthen –G77] regional and sub-regional organizations, processes and networks to develop strategies on, identify gaps in and opportunities for forest financing [at all levels and from all sources –Switzerland, NZ], and to share relevant experience, knowledge and expertise;
[14.bis **Call on** regional and subregional commercial and development banks to support financing of sustainable forest management; –G77, NZ]

[14.ter **Call on** donors and the international community to support regional and subregional organisations and processes with finance technology transfer and capacity building, particularly for full inventories and accounts for goods and services to address sustainable forest management; –G77, NZ]

[14.quat **Call on** existing financial mechanisms and institutions to establish a forest fund for the various regional groups in developing countries to support sustainable forest management – G77; NZ, EU, Japan delete]

[14.quint **Invite** members of the CPF to continue facilitating regional processes, especially the Secretariat in low forest cover countries, SIDS and LDCs, in support of the implementation of the NLBI and the overall theme of UNFF11; –G77]

*Actions at the international level*

15. **Invites** [the governing bodies of –EU] existing forest-related financing mechanisms to further [consider ways to –EU] simplify and streamline procedures [, consistent with their mandates, -US, EU] to improve access to [and efficiency of –EU] their funds [, as well as devote specific financial resources and develop programmes to address thematic, geographic and data gaps in forest financing –US delete];

16. **[Invites -Switzerland, EU, US retain]** the Global Environment Facility to consider [the establishment of a new focal area on forests during the next Global Environment Facility replenishment – Japan,
Switzerland, US delete] [continuing and improving multi-focal forest finance during the sixth replenishment period (2014 to 2018), building on the assessment of the SFM/REDD+ incentive mechanism piloted during the current replenishment period –US, EU, Japan, Switzerland] [and other elements of the GEF forests portfolio –EU, Switzerland, US];

[16.alt Calls upon the Global Environment Facility to establish a dedicated new focal area for SFM while continuing current multi-focal forest finance during the sixth replenishment period (2014-2018) [as soon as a legally binding instrument on forests is established – Switzerland] – G77; EU delete]  
*Note: Saudi Arabia shows reservations against legally binding instrument language*

17. *[Gives / Encourages]* multilateral financial institutions to give – EU, US] special consideration [to developing countries, particularly –G77] to dryland forests and the special needs of low forest cover countries, small island developing states, high forest cover countries, African countries, and least developed countries [in accessing funds –G77];

*Note: Japan to clarify budgetary implications of para; G77 to revert*

19. *Invites* members of the CPF [, as part of their work programmes, - EU] to strengthen their mechanisms to collect and facilitate access to data [on forest financial flows – EU], [in order to
address /and addressing – EU] data gaps in forest financing in a systematic, coordinated and coherent manner, with the view to providing consistent and accurate data, and inviting [countries [in a position to do so – EU] /the existing financial mechanisms – G77] to provide funding for this purpose;

[19.bis Encourages the FAO to further develop its work on national public funding for sustainable forest management as part of the preparation of future FAO forest resources assessment. – EU]

[19.ter Encourages private sector organizations, together with CPF members, to consider ways to provide information to the public about the scale of private investment flows for sustainable forest management. – EU]

[19.quat Requests the UNFF Secretariat to liaise with the OECD in order to identify ways to improve data sources on international public finance for sustainable forest management. – EU]

20. Invites the Rio Conventions, as well as the [regional development banks and programmes/ multilateral financial institutions – EU], to increase financing for sustainable forest management in their relevant funds and operational programmes, including in their new and emerging funding opportunities;

Note: US, EU to streamline with OP15.

[20.alt Calls on developed countries and Conventions with forests components to increase contributions towards sustainable forest management. – G77]

21. Decides to [further consider the establishment of/ establish – G77, African Group; Japan, US, EU, Switzerland, Canada,
Norway, NZ retain] a [voluntary – G77 delete; Turkey retain] global forest fund [under the United Nations in support of developing countries to achieve sustainable forest management, with regional allocations and modalities to be determined by the next session of – G77, African Group] [, as an element for consideration by – G77, African Group delete] the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete; G77 retain] ad hoc expert group, established by this resolution. [The UNFF Secretariat, with the support of the CPF, will prepare and present to UNFF members before the first meeting of the AHEG an identification of concrete possible modalities, sources and operational procedures for AHEG to make recommendations to UNFF11. – G77, African Group]

Note: Japan, US, EU, Switzerland, Canada, Norway, New Zealand prefer original language. Turkey emphasizes global responsibilities and the voluntary nature of the fund.

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ANNEX

1. Pursuant to ECOSOC decision 2006/49 and resolution 2000/35, the review of the effectiveness and efficiency, and the future direction of the IAF shall include the following interrelated components and activities:

a) Submissions by countries, the CPF and member organizations of the CPF and other relevant organizations, relevant regional and sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders

Countries, the CPF and member organizations of the CPF and other relevant organizations, relevant regional and sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders are invited to submit views and proposals to the Secretariat on the six key issues set out in paragraph XX of the Resolution and the full range of options on the future International Arrangement on Forests. The Secretariat is requested to ensure that submitted documentation is made available prior to AHEG. [Based on the outcomes of AHEG, countries, CPF members, major groups and other stakeholders are invited to provide further submissions prior to a further AHEG subject to agreement on holding two AHEGs.]

In providing views on the CPF, paragraph 8 of Resolution 2000/35 should be taken into account.

b) An independent expert assessment of the IAF

The objective of the independent assessment is to assist and inform the AHEG in preparing for UNFF11. The assessment shall analyze the achievements, relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the IAF since UNFF7, taking into account earlier developments. It shall assess impacts of work and sustainability of actions and makes recommendation for the future arrangement. The mandate of the
independent assessment shall be to compile and analyse information and provide views and conclusions on the following:

(i) Past performance of the UNFF and supporting structures such as past AHEGs, CLIs, as well as future options for the UNFF.

(ii) Review of the NLBI and other options referenced in the aforementioned ECOSOC resolutions, including progress towards achieving the four GOFs. This should include a review of the relationship of the NLBI with forest related international conventions.

(iii) Review of the UNFF Secretariat and how it functions.

(iv) Review of both the collective CPF body and the contribution and activities by individual CPF members.


(vi) Review of the relationship of the UNFF with the UN body, in the context of the Rio + 20 outcome and the UN Development Agenda beyond 2015.

Organization of the independent assessment will be conducted according to the following guidelines:

(i) The independent assessment team will comprise a small team of experts selected by the Bureau of the eleventh session. The Bureau will make these selections taking into consideration competencies, methodological rigor as well as a regional balance.
(ii) The consultants will be accountable and work under the guidance of the Bureau and in the most cost-efficient manner. The consultants will furthermore be serviced by the Forum Secretariat. The Secretariat will prepare the contractual arrangements for the consultants.

(iii) The Secretariat is expected to determine a structured budget for the independent assessment.

(iv) The consultants will be required to submit an interim report for the consideration of AHEG1 followed by the final report, which will be required prior [HMM to provide specific dates and language] to AHEG2

(v) The duration of appointment for the consultants will be terminated upon delivery of the final report.

c) **Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group**

The ad hoc expert group shall provide advice and input in support of the mandate of UNFF11 taking into consideration the outcomes of UNFF10, submissions, the topics presented in paragraph XX of Decision XX and the independent expert assessment on:

(i) The international arrangement on forests (UNFF, CPF and UNFF Secretariat), the NLBI, and the contribution of forests to the achievement of the MDGs;

(ii) Assessment of the implementation of the NLBI and the achievement of the four global objectives on forests;

(iii) A full range of options for the future of the international arrangement on forests for the consideration of UNFF11.
AHEG will meet at a time and venue to be determined by the UNFF Bureau and communicated by the Secretariat to member countries and organizations.

The AHEG shall report its conclusions and recommendations to the UNFF at its eleventh session for its consideration.
3. Decides to establish an [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group to consider the overall theme and the themes of the eleventh session, with a view to making proposals to the Forum at its eleventh session [in accordance with the terms of reference appended to this resolution [for its consideration and decision – Switzerland] – US, Switzerland];

[3.alt Decides to establish an [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group to:

(a) Consider the overall theme and the sub-themes of the eleventh session, with a view to making proposals to the last AHEG for consideration at the eleventh session of the Forum;

(b) Make recommendations on review of the whole international arrangement on forests and the NLBI on all types of forests including the consideration of different visions and approaches to achieve sustainable development as well as the review of means of implementation;

(c) Also decides that the first meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group should consider all the inputs, and discuss the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests, with the view to consolidating the options for further consideration at its second meeting; -G77]

[Pre 4. Decides that the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests will be conducted in a two-pronged working approach: (a) a process of auto-evaluations, (b) an independent expert review; - Switzerland]
4. [Decides also that the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group should take into account [the interconnections and implications of, and the progress in the post-2015 UN development agenda, the Rio+20 outcome/ the Rio+20 outcome and the ongoing work in the post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Switzerland]; G77 delete para; US, EU retain notion]

5. Decides further that the [open-ended intergovernmental –US, EU delete; G77 retain] ad hoc expert group should meet [twice/at least once –US, Japan, EU] [or as necessary –G77] during the intersessional period between the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Forum [subject to the availability of extra-budgetary resources –EU];

[5.bis Decides further that the ad hoc expert group should provide advice and input in support of the mandate of UNFF11 on:

(a) Review (i) the international arrangement on forests (UNFF, CPF and UNFF Secretariat), (ii) the NLBI, (iii) the contribution of forests to the achievement of the MDGs;

(b) Assess the implementation of the NLBI and the achievement of the four global objectives on forests;

(c) Provide a full range of options for the future of the international arrangement on forests for the consideration of UNFF11; -EU]

Note: add role of Major Groups flexible placement – US

[Pre 6. Requests the Secretariat to provide a full evaluation of the current international arrangement on forests including the gaps – G77]

6. Invites Member States, members of the CPF, relevant regional organizations and processes and major groups to:
(a) Submit their views on the **effectiveness and efficiency of the international arrangement on forests, –EU** the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests, and requests the Forum’s Secretariat to compile all the above-mentioned views for consideration at the [first –EU delete] meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental –EU delete] ad hoc expert group;

(b) Actively participate in and contribute to the work of the [open-ended intergovernmental –EU delete] ad hoc expert group including through holding country, regional and organization led initiatives;

7. **Requests** the Forum’s Secretariat to [prepare a Note to update the [first –EU delete] meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group, / **periodically update members of the UNFF –G77**] on the progress in consultations on [the post-2015 UN development agenda and the Rio+20 outcome/ **the Rio+20 outcome and the post-2015 UN development agenda –G77**];

*Note: EU revert after discussion of content of AHEG mandate*

*Note: US possibly delete*

8. **Also decides** that the [first –US, EU delete] meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group should consider all the inputs, and discuss the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests, with the view to consolidating the options for further consideration [at its second meeting –US delete];